

Please reject the NAB's petition, 04-160, which attempts to prevent XM satellite radio from delivering traffic & weather to it's subscribers. If this is allowed, this type of content should be removed from cable TV systems also. The XM service is a premium subscription service, just like cable/satellite TV. On the face of it, it is ridiculous to limit this type of content. The public good is best served by maximizing the dissemination of this content, not limiting it!

As a professional truck driver, I can tell you that I am much more informed and entertained by XM than I am with terrestrial radio stations, which by the way, are disturbingly similar across the country since most AM and FM stations are owned by a handful of corporations. Since subscribing, I listen radio much more. Before, I usually preferred prerecorded music or audiobooks.

Again, if this petition is approved, I believe that weather and traffic information should be removed from cable and satellite broadcasters, since they use basically the same business model that satellite radio uses. The traffic and weather information would then be limited to terrestrial radio stations.

What's good for the goose should also be good for the gander.